APPENDIX II

THE STUDY OF GEOGRAPHY IN INDIAN UNIVERSITIES: PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE
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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR THE HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT

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<td>8. Area of specialisation in teaching</td>
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<td>9. What is the status of Geography in your department?</td>
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<td>c) At post graduate level</td>
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<td>10. What is the methodology of Geography followed in your department in your view?</td>
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<td>11. What studies regarding regional development have been carried out by your department?</td>
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<td>12. What is the contribution of these studies to the theory and methodology in Geography?</td>
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<td>13. How far have your studies been helpful in affecting society / government policies?</td>
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<td>14. Your views on the subject of Geography in the past and at present</td>
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<td>15. What is the source of information to update your and your staffs' knowledge?</td>
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16. Please describe the recent trends in Geography; what is the source of your information/observation in this matter?

17. Which areas of research need emphasis?

18. What is the research trend in your department?

Before 1950

Fifties

Sixties

Seventies

Eighties

Nineties

Latest
19. How does the sociocultural environment of an area affect the propagation of a subject? What is the situation in your area/place?

20. What, according to you, are the shortcomings in the latest syllabus? If any, why? If none, why?

21. What changes have taken place in the syllabus over the last thirty years or so?

22. What changes are required in the latest syllabus? Which topics need to be included? And why?

23. What is your opinion on the applicability of the subject?

24. What could be the best teaching method to make the subject interesting?

25. Is there any interaction between your department and other organisations regarding research? Explain the nature of such interaction.

26. Is it necessary to create an interest in the students to take up research & career in Geography? If yes, why? If no, why?

27. What are your views on Ph.D., should it be After Masters? or after M.Phil., or only after M.Phil.? Any other view/idea?
28. Do you have an employment cell, If yes, how does it work? :

29. What are the employment opportunities for Geographers and which are the ones which your students mostly opt? :

30. What are the activities undertaken by you and your department to popularise the subject of Geography? :

31. Does the teaching in your department consist of field trips? For what purpose? How many in a year? :

32. What is the mode of selection of students? :
   For First Year of graduation M.A. / M.Sc. -I
   M.Phil. / Ph.D. :

33. Do you support the attachment of Geography to Arts / Science stream, If Arts, why? :
    If Science, why? :

34. Do you think that the subjects like Mathematics, Statistics, Economics and Geography, which actually cannot be bifurcated into Arts/Science /Commerce should form a separate stream? What could be the name of this stream? :

35. What do you think is the effect on the job opportunities with the present set up? (Attached to Arts/Science stream as in Q. 33) as a suggested separate stream? (As in Q. 34) :

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36. Any significant changes in the number of students, in their attitude towards the subject, over the years?

37. Do you support this statement?

'There should be one term of only theory teaching and one term of only practical teaching'

If yes, why?:
If no, why?:
Any other suggestions:

38. No. of Ph.D.s completed in your department and the branches of Geography they worked on.
No. of M.Phil.:

39. No. of Ph.D. and M.Phil. students presently working and their branches of Geography:

40. No. of students
U.G.:
P.G.:
M.A.-I M.A.-II
M.Sc.-Pre M.Sc.-Fin.

41. No of teachers designationwise:

42. A brief history of your department
Year of establishment, Founder, Initial structure, style of working, subsequent changes with time, any other changes, Well known Geographers of this department etc.

43. A department profile giving courses offered, facilities available etc. Please provide a booklet, if any.
44. What are your achievements as a Geographer?

For example,
Books/Research papers/Research
Students guided/Awards/Seminars
attended/Seminars organised/
Association with various policy
making bodies/any other.

45. What are the problems faced by you and your department in functioning for effective propagation of this subject?

46. What is the future of Geography in your department and in your area?

47. What are the future plans of your department regarding research/development of the subject, its propagation?

48. Is the Geography subject facing crisis of survival?
   If yes, then why?
   If not, then why?
   What needs to be done?

49. Your address for future correspondence with office and residential phone numbers.

Time :
Date :
Place :

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